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full extension of the brake pedal shaft upward through said [shaft;] slot. [and] A locking [means] mechanism is associated with the [second] first arm for locking [the] an underside of the pedal shaft within the slot such that the brake pedal cannot be depressed.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraphs beginning at column 3, lines 27, 29, 33 and 35 with the following paragraphs, respectively:

FIG. 1 is [an elevational] a perspective view of the brake anti-theft device of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is [an elevational] a perspective view of the handle and lock pin utilized with the brake lock mechanism of the brake anti-theft device of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is [an elevational] a perspective view of the brake anti-theft device of the present invention in an inactive position.

FIG. 4 is [an elevational] a perspective view of the brake anti-theft device of the present invention in an activated state.

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 3, line 55 with the following:

Referring now to FIGS. 1 to 4, the brake anti-theft device of the present invention 10 comprises a base 12 which is placed on the floor of the vehicle adjacent to the brake pedal 36 and shaft 13. The base 12 thereby is affixed flush to the floorboard of the vehicle directly below the brake pedal 36 and pedal shaft 13.

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 4, line 1 with the following:

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In a preferred embodiment, slot 22 should have an approximate width of the steel brake pedal shaft 13 such that the brake pedal shaft 13 extends through the slot and up to a extended position. In this position, the pedal 36 can be depressed freely as it extends downward through said slot 22.

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 4, line 7 with the following:

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The invention further comprises a locking mechanism [24] 32 associated with a first arm 18 of the U-shaped housing. The second leg 18 of the U-shaped housing 14 includes a cylindrical tube 24 designed to encase a slidable locking pin 26 which is attached to the end of an extendible rod 28. The rod 28 contains machined lock ratchets or serrations 30 which extend out the tube of the rectangular steel housing to a locking mechanism 32. The second end of the rod 28 comprises a handle 34 which is used to pull the rod upward.

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 4, line 16 as follows:

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The preferred locking mechanism or means 32 which is utilized in the present invention may be a commercially available key operated steering wheel locking mechanisms. There are other locking mechanisms suggested by the present invention including combination locks. The locking mechanism 32 locks [Locks] the machine locked ratchets 30 at the appropriate point. As shown most clearly in FIG. 4, as the rod 28 extends upward, the pin 26 enters the slot 22, pulls up (Arrow A) and secures the bottom